# **EXHIBIT E**

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January 8, 2020

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Re: VIOLATION OF THE BANKRUPTCY AUTOMATIC STAY; 11 USC §

362(a)

Bankruptcy Cause No. 19-42890-MJH

Bankruptcy Filed 9/9/2019 / Dismissed 9/26/2019

Debtor: Sarah Hoover

Property Address: 18205 106th St E, Bonney Lake, Wash., 98391

Parcel No. 700174030 Loan# xxxxxx5107

Deceased Borrower: Ali Suleiman (deceased on March 2, 2015)

Trustee Sale No.: WA-18-835092-SW

Title Order No.: TSG1719-WA-330163 611169299

To Whom It May Concern,

As you will recall from my November 26, 2019 letter in the above-referenced matter, I represent Sarah Hoover (the successor in interest and heir to the estate of the deceased single man, Ali Sulieman).

Ms. Hoover had filed a Chapter 13 bankruptcy petition on September 9, 2019, but her home was nevertheless sold via nonjudicial foreclosure on September 13, 2019. Because of the automatic stay, the sale was void. However, as of today's date, no involved entity has

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taken any meaningful steps toward rectifying the automatic stay violation. This letter serves as one last opportunity for the involved parties to minimize Ms. Hoover's damages.

#### Status of the residence

Title to the property (which is the subject of this matter which is located at 18205 106th St E, Bonney Lake, WA, 98391) remains with the purchaser at the (void) trustee's sale, TS No. WA-18835092-SW. Although Ms. Hoover and her husband remain in the property, it would be incorrect to call them "tenants." Even still, my client and her husband have been asked to pay an amount much larger than the mortgage payment as "rent," although the status of the threat to enforce rental payments remains unclear. Simply put, my client has no clarity on whether she will wake up tomorrow to find an eviction notice from her own house.

#### Status of Surplus Funds

My client has not been informed of the amount or the location of the surplus funds received from the (void) foreclosure sale, which should be substantial. At a minimum, she should have been provided notice so that she could use the funds to help cover her costs and damages while the parties to this letter decide whether they wish to conform their conduct to the automatic stay. It is unclear who is retaining earned interest on these funds, and why interest on these funds is not being paid directly to my client.

#### Ms. Hoover's Damages Continue to Accrue

Aside from the trauma of losing her late father's home (and the home where she lives), Ms. Hoover has been required to engage counsel, whose ongoing involvement in this matter is increasingly costly. Ms. Hoover is under constant stress and fear of being evicted from her own home. She worries about the future ramifications of the past several months – for example, whether she will be a necessary party to any future litigation between the purchaser and those involved in the foreclosure sale.<sup>1</sup>

It is further unclear how, given the passage of time, Ms. Hoover can be placed in her ex ante position. She has no idea how (or whether) the loan can be reinstated at its prior position (including maturity date, etc.), and she cannot be required to apply for a new loan, given that this foreclosure sale never should have occurred in the first place.

#### No Solutions Have Been Provided

I have received several emails from [insert names and maybe dates here] purporting to address this issue. Each of the proposed courses of action are incomplete, and improperly place the onus on my client to somehow negotiate possession of her home as a result of the stay violation. Although I should not need to explain this, it is not my client's responsibility to remedy the violation of the automatic stay. In fact Ninth Circuit case law says that

At no point has any party taken any affirmative steps to restore Ms. Hoover's title in the property, and at no point has anyone provided a timeline or estimate for the few actions which they do intend on taking. This is not a problem of Ms. Hoover's making, and she is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> My client suspects that – assuming the purchaser is making property tax payments at present – the purchaser will seek reimbursement for its expenditures.

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not required to generate a multi-party action plan for the "approval" of others. Now is the time to take action to ameliorate the stay violation.

Ms. Hoover will, of course, make herself available on reasonable advance notice to sign documents or transfer of title paperwork, if that makes the process easier.

### Action Must Be Taken By February 3, 2020

This matter needs to be resolved so that Ms. Hoover and her family can move forward with their life in their own home. As no actions have been taken since my November 26, 2019 letter, it is apparent that this matter will require court intervention. Accordingly, I plan to file an action seeking damages for the violation of the automatic stay no earlier than Monday, February 3, 2020.

At this time, the parties to this letter are on notice so that they may mitigate any liability by acting promptly to restore title to my client. I will ask the court to determine the extent of my client's damages (both economic and noneconomic), as well as attorney's fees, costs, and punitive damages.

Alternatively, we can resolve the matter prior to February 3, 2020 if my client is fully compensated for all of her damages.

As it goes without saying but please direct all future communications to my attention, not my client.

Sincerely,

Christina L. Henry, W8BA# 31273 Attorney for Sarah Hoover NAME OF PARTY / ACCOUNT REFERENCE
SARAH HOOVER

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DATED: 1/9/2020

/s/ Christina Henry Christina Henry 31273 Henry & DeGraaff, PS 787 Maynard Ave S Seattle, WA 98104 206 330 0595 NAME OF PARTY / ACCOUNT REFERENCE

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